

such time, if no claim for the return of the property or interest is pending. Total returns pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed \$3,000,000.

Notice of claim,
etc.

"No return may be made to an organization so designated unless it files notice of claim before the expiration of one year from the effective date of this Act and unless it gives firm and responsible assurance approved by the President that (i) the property or interest returned to it or the proceeds of any such property or interest will be used on the basis of need in the rehabilitation and settlement of persons in the United States who suffered substantial deprivation of liberty or failed to enjoy the full rights of citizenship within the meaning of subdivisions (C) and (D) of subsection (a) (2) hereof; (ii) it will transfer, at any time within two years from the time that return is made, such property or interest or the equivalent value thereof to any person whom the President or such officer or agency shall determine to be eligible under section 32 to claim as owner or successor in interest to such owner, by inheritance, devise, or bequest; (iii) it will make to the President, with a copy to be furnished to the Congress, such reports (including a detailed annual report on the use of the property or interest returned to it or the proceeds of any such property or interest) and permit such examination of its books as the President or such officer or agency may from time to time require; and (iv) will not use such property or interest or the proceeds of such property or interest for legal fees, salaries or any other administrative expenses connected with the filing of claims for or the recovery of such property or interest.

60 Stat. 925.
50 USC app. 34.

"Organization".

"The filing of notice of claim by an organization so designated shall not bar the payment of debt claims under section 34 of this Act.

"As used in this subsection, 'organization' means only a nonprofit charitable corporation incorporated on or before January 1, 1950, under the laws of any State of the United States or of the District of Columbia with the power to sue and be sued."

60 Stat. 925.
50 USC app. 33.

SEC. 2. The first sentence of section 33 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917 (40 Stat. 411), as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end of such sentence, and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the following: "except that return may be made to successor organizations designated pursuant to section 32 (h) hereof if notice of claim is filed before the expiration of one year from the effective date of this Act."

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Public Law 627

CHAPTER 831

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[S. 2744]

To provide for the termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Indians of Texas, and the individual members thereof; and for other purposes.

Alabama and
Coushatta Tribes,
Tex.
Termination of
Federal supervi-
sion.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to convey to the State of Texas the lands held in trust by the United States for the tribe of Indians organized and known as the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas, located in Polk County, Texas; and such tribe is authorized to convey to the State of Texas the lands purchased for and deeded to the Alabama Indians in accordance with an act of the legislature of the State of Texas approved February 3, 1854, located in Polk County, Texas. All of the lands so conveyed shall be held by the State of Texas in

trust for the benefit of the Indians of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas, subject to such conditions regarding management and use as the State of Texas may prescribe and the disposition of such lands shall be subject to approval of a majority of the adult members of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas.

SEC. 2. Upon the conveyance to the State of Texas of the lands held in trust by the United States for the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register a proclamation declaring that the Federal trust relationship to such tribe and its members has terminated. Thereafter such tribe and its members shall not be entitled to any of the services performed by the United States for Indians because of their status as Indians: *Provided*, That after the date of this Act such Indians shall be eligible for admission, on the same terms that apply to other Indians, to hospitals and schools maintained by the United States.

Federal trust
termination.
Publication in
FR.

SEC. 3. Effective on the date of the proclamation provided for in section 2 of this Act, all powers of the Secretary of the Interior or any other officer of the United States to take, review, or approve any action under the constitution and bylaws of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas approved on August 19, 1938, pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), are terminated. Any powers conferred upon the tribe by its constitution and bylaws that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are terminated. Such termination shall not affect the power of the tribe to take any action under its constitution and bylaws that is consistent with this Act without the participation of the Secretary or other officer of the United States in such action.

25 USC 461-479.

SEC. 4. The indebtedness of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas to the United States incurred under the provisions of the Act of May 29, 1928 (45 Stat. 883, 900), is canceled, effective on the date of the proclamation to be issued in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this Act.

Cancellation of
indebtedness.

SEC. 5. The corporate charter of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas issued pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), ratified on October 17, 1939, is revoked, effective on the date of the proclamation to be issued in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this Act.

Revocation of
charter.
25 USC 461-479.

SEC. 6. On and after the date of the proclamation to be issued in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this Act, all statutes of the United States which affect Indians because of their status as Indians shall no longer be applicable to the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas or the members thereof, except as provided in section 2 of this Act, and the laws of the several States shall apply to the tribe and its members in the same manner as they apply to other citizens or persons within their jurisdiction.

Applicability of
State laws.

SEC. 7. Nothing in this Act shall affect the status of the members of the tribes as citizens of the United States.

Citizenship sta-
tus.

SEC. 8. The Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 387), shall not apply to the tribe and its members after the date of the proclamation to be issued in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this Act.

49 Stat. 378.
25 USC 461-479.

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Public Law 628

CHAPTER 832

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the erection of a memorial gift from the people of the Netherlands.

August 23, 1954
[H. J. Res. 356]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United